

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
December 14, 2005**

Note: The IWMT wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) has begun organizing Defensible Space Days, which is scheduled in April 2006.

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) reported that one of the air curtain destructor units will be retained by LANL for future use.

Manny L'esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced for the Park Service that the prescribed fire in upper Frijoles Canyon has been postponed because of recent snow that has fallen in the area. LANL has been providing equipment and support for this fire.

Sandy Hurlocker (Santa Fe National Forest) announced that the burning of piles along Camp May Road is now complete. Also, a prescribed burn to the west of Highway 501 is scheduled for later this winter.

Sam Loftin (Ecology Group, LANL) has been coordinating the final review of the LANL Wildland Fire Management Plan.

Craig Martin (Parks Division, Los Alamos County) reported on the progress of various fuels mitigation activities that are ongoing in Los Alamos County. These include hand thinning in Pueblo Canyon near Rim Road, in upper Walnut Canyon, and near Deer Trap Mesa. This also includes pile burning near the horse stables.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) and Scot Johnson have been working on the development of a quantitative definition of wildfire subseasons.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 11, at TA-21, Building 210 in the ENV-ECO (Ecology Group) Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice ([balice@lanl.gov](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.